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Applicants : Takashi Oya et al.
Serial No. : 08/615,876 Group Art Unit: 2711
Filing Date : March 14, 1996 Examiner: V. Srivastava
For : CAMERA CONTROL SYSTEM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed, may be deemed to be pertinent to the above-identified application and are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. Also enclosed are copies of the European Search Reports dated April 21, 1998. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items and to independently ascertain their teaching.

1. ☐ For each of the following items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, an English language translation of that item or a portion thereof or a concise explanation of the relevance of that item is enclosed:
2. ☐ For each of the following items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, a concise explanation of the relevance of that item is incorporated in the specification of the above-identified application.
3. ☐ Any copy of the items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement was previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional or ☐ Continuation-In-Part application under 37 C.F.R. §1.60, U.S. Serial No. _____, filed _____.
4. ☐ No fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with:

☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application.

- ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(2), within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application.
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits.
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6. ☐ A fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), after the period specified in paragraph 4 above but before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance (where there has been no prior final action):
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$230.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee.
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- one of the certifications pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) set forth in paragraph 9 below; and
 - the attached petition requesting consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement; and
 - the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) which is paid as set forth in paragraph 10 below.
8. ☐ A fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with:
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(3), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement may render at least one claim unpatentable and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue;
 - ☐ 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is to be considered in a Continuation application upon abandonment of the instant application and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue.
 - The fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) is paid as set forth in paragraph 10 below.
9. ☒ I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the communication from the foreign patent office (European) is also enclosed.

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10. ☐ A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1).

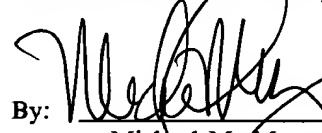
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11. ☒ Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to **co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/563,703** which are commonly assigned to the assignee of the instant application, and which may be deemed to be pertinent to the instant application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider and independently ascertain the teachings and relevance of those applications with respect to the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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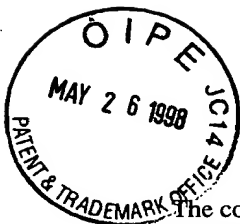
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1. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION [complete all items 1(a)-(e) below]

- (a) Inventor(s) Takashi OYA et al.
(b) U.S. Application No. 08/615,876
(c) U.S. Filing Date March 14, 1996
(d) Your Reference 1232-4253
(e) Our Reference CANON 1414

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2. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILING PROCEDURE

[complete item 2(a), 2(b) or 2(c) below]

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- (b) ☒ Certification is required OR Certification is elected instead of PTO fee payment. Accordingly, the certification statement of item 3(a) or (b) is completed below.
- (c) ☐ Other- specify _____
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3. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT [complete item 3(a) or 3(b) below if applicable]

- (a) ☒ Each item of information for this request for filing of an Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application on April 21, 1998 [specify date]. (37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1)).
- or
- (b) ☐ No item of information for this request for filing an Information Disclosure Statement: (1) was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office; or (2) was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) (i.e., inventor; company patent representative or foreign patent associate who prepares or prosecutes the application; or other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application) before _____ [specify date]. (37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2)).

The undersigned certifies that all statements made above of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true after making reasonable inquiry.

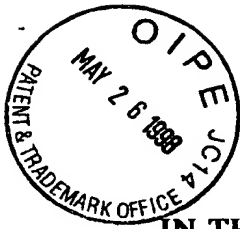
- (c) ☒ File an Information Disclosure Statement at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on or before July 21, 1998 b) date].

May 14, 1998
Date

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I hereby certify that the attached:


1. Information Disclosure Statement w/ Certification Statement;
2. Form PTO 1449 w/ two copies of European Patent Search Report and 5 cited references; and
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